

Leinster Here To Plan Ketch Race Over Sea

Irish Sportsman and Commodore W. W. Nutting of American Cruising Club to Compete Next Spring

The Duke of Leinster, European sportsman and hereditary King of Ireland, arrived here last night on the White Star liner Baltic to complete arrangements with William Washburn, president of the American Cruising Club, for a race between the two across the Atlantic some time next spring in a small ketch, the size

of which is to be determined. Mr. Nutting, several members of his club and Leon C. Weinstock, State Commissioner of Prisons, met the duke at the pier.

Although only thirty years old, the duke, being imbued with the spirit of adventure, said that he had tried everything in life that might give him a thrill with the possible exception of doing stunts in an airplane, which, after all, would not be so exciting, he thought, and which he desires to do something which "has not been done very often." So when the challenge for a race to the ketch was submitted he said he accepted without hesitancy and will agree to any terms Mr. Nutting may ask.

"As far as I am concerned," the duke said last night, "I should be perfectly willing to sail across the ocean alone. In fact, that was the original understanding, but later, through communication, Mr. Nutting and I thought it would be more advisable to have some one accompany us. Just who my partner will be remains to be seen."

May Build Ketch Here

"I have several ketches of my own, the Sceloporus, which is thirty-eight feet long and has a twelve-foot beam, which I may employ, for I have used it in Ireland. Personally I should like to build one like that which is of twenty feet, but certainly it would be unwise to consider any over twenty tons. Inasmuch as the race will not begin from New York until next May or June, I have not as yet decided whether I shall bring my ketch to this country or have one constructed here."

Asked what the goal would be the duke replied: "England is good enough for me, or maybe Ireland, or any place else I first sight. I believe we should be able to cross the ocean in anywhere from three to six weeks, the time depending entirely upon the elements."

Several months ago the Duke of Leinster started England by racing against time in an automobile from London to Aberdeen, covering the distance of 340 miles in fourteen and a half hours. He won the wager, £2,000, with a British nobleman whose name he declined to divulge, by only thirty minutes, the train time being fifteen hours between the two points. This escapade was taken up by Lord Curzon in Parliament, who demanded that the duke be punished, but the matter was afterward dropped.

Had 120,000 Acres Near Dublin

The Duke of Leinster is the twenty-seventh Earl of Kildare and is the seventh to hold his present title. Before the Irish Free State came into existence he was the owner of 120,000 acres of an estate at Carton, near Dublin. To-day he has but 12,000 acres, the remainder having been taken over by the Irish Land Commission and sold.

During the war he refused a commission and enlisted with the Irish Guards and in the fighting in the south

of Europe he was wounded five times. When he was mustered out of the service he held the rank of lieutenant. After the war he resumed his hunting expeditions, and recently, seeking to learn what the feelings of the Irish were toward the nobility, walked through the streets of Dublin with Captain A. V. Coles, who accompanied him last night, and was delighted to find that he was regarded with the utmost courtesy and respect. Captain Coles said he expected their bodies to be picked up shortly after they were recognized.

While in this city the duke will stay at the Ritz-Carlton. He expects to remain in this country about a month. The Baltic had a rough voyage to this port from Liverpool and was delayed a day by the head winds, rough seas and squalls. She brought 6,300 bags of mail.

Others on the ship included Harry Green, the actor, who recently purchased "Old Bill, M. P." for Sam Harris, who is making his first visit here in three years after having starred in "Welcome Stranger" abroad; Vaughn J. Jackson, of the American Woolen Company; Robert M. Pitt Jr., wool buyer; Miss Nancy de Segundo, here to visit her brother in Miami, accompanied by E. C. de Segundo, her father, and Miss Louise Paisley, of Mount Vernon.

Search Women for Arms

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 18.—A departure in the not unusual practice of searching for weapons on men who enter the Court House to witness murder trials here occurred to-day when women spectators also were required to undergo an examination at the hands of an especially appointed woman deputy sheriff.

The case on trial is that of Eleanore Wiison and Latham Clemens, charged with murder in connection with the slaying of Green Watkins, a deputy sheriff. Watkins was killed when a party of deputies and prohibition agents was ambushed in the mountains.

Missing Witness Causes Mistrial In Fuller Case

J. Harold Braid, Who Gave Important Testimony for State at First Hearing, Has Not Been Seen for Week

Because of the absence of the chief witness for the prosecution the second trial of Edward M. Fuller, former stock broker of 5 Broad Street, charged with bucking orders in stock transactions, was declared a mistrial by Judge Robert S. Johnstone in General Sessions yesterday. J. Harold Braid, member of the brokerage firm of Braid & Vogel, who had been one of the most important witnesses against Fuller at his first trial, was not present when called, and it was learned that he had not been seen for more than a week.

When Assistant District Attorney Nielson Oleott proposed that Braid's testimony at the previous trial be read to the jury William J. Fallon, attorney for Fuller, objected. Mr. Fallon insisted that it would be unfair to Fuller to have Braid's testimony read, since his actions on the stand would be an important factor for the jury in determining how much weight to give to his testimony. A lengthy consultation in Judge Johnstone's chambers followed, after which a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered.

One member of the jury, Edward L. Hennemer, 209 Wadsworth Avenue, objected, telling Judge Johnstone that the jury could have been instructed with the case even in Braid's absence. The court held, however, that Fuller's interests might have been unfairly jeopardized if the trial were continued. Fuller was remanded to the Tombs

in \$40,000 bail pending a new trial. He had not obtained bail up to late last night.

Before Judge Johnstone made his decision several witnesses were called to testify to Braid's whereabouts. His partner and members of his family, including his nine-year-old son, testified that with Mrs. Braid he had left home a week ago, expecting to return last Thursday, but had not been seen since.

Dry Agents, 150 Strong, Chicago's Christmas Gift

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Chicagoans with hopes of a wet Christmas and New Year's received a shock to-day, when Colonel L. G. Nutt arrived from Washington in advance of a force of 150 picked prohibition agents who have been assigned to make the city dry.

In his first announcement he declared that "Chicago's reputation for laughing at the law will get a blow that will hurt," and predicted that the jail and police stations would be filled with bootleggers and hip liquor carriers before Christmas morning.

After a conference between Colonel Nutt and Roscoe Andrews, acting prohibition director of the state, it was learned that tables have been reserved in all the leading hotels and cabarets for the prohibition agents, who will include a score of women.

Ex-Policeman Convicted Of Assault on Veterans

Robert Smith, a former policeman, who was a special officer at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, last summer, was convicted of assault in the third degree yesterday in County Court, Brooklyn, on complaint of Henry Straub and Frank J. Flower, disabled veterans of the World War.

The plaintiffs were at a ball game at Ebbets Field last June when a shower came up. Other occupants of

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